

## **BROOKE BENEFICE**

### **St Peter's Mundham with SS Margaret's and Remeguis Church Seething**

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at St Peters Church Brooke**

#### **Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

1. Lynn welcomed all those present at the meeting and opened the meeting with a reading and a prayer. John Ash thanked Lynn for all the hard work and dedication that she provides for the Benefice, he also thanked the Churchwardens for the help and support that they give to Lynn.
2. **Election of Churchwardens:** All the Churchwardens agreed to stand for another year.  
Seething: Ann Garnham  
Mundham: Gillian Balls and Margaret Key.  
All those present were in favour of this.

#### **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** There were apologies from Margaret Key and Jilly Le Coq for being unable to attend.
2. **Minutes 2016 Meeting:** The minutes of the 2016 APGM were accepted as a correct record of that meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Financial Report:** Things had run quite smoothly during 2016 but sadly there was a loss of £2000.00 on the year despite having 3 very good fundraising events which brought in £1467.00. £5068.00 was paid towards the Parish Share and there was a shortfall of just over £3000.00. The Parish Share for 2017 has been reduced to approximately £5500.00. Insurance has increased as the churches are now open 24/7 but some of the increase will be offset by the increase in donations from visitors. The designated funds for Mundham have enabled us to purchase pew cushions and repair the wall safe, leaving £108.00 available for use. Seething has £1882.00 of designated funds available. Gift Aid had been claimed from HMRC.
5. **The PCC Reports:** The PCC for Mundham and Seething had held 4 meetings during the year and among the items discussed were the meeting with the Diocese regarding the Parish Share, the Worship pattern for the year and Committed to Growth.
6. **Church Electoral Roll:** At the time of the meeting there were 16 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll with an average weekly attendance of 12. There had been 1 baptism, 3 weddings and 2 funerals (including cremations) during 2016.
7. **Fabric Report:** A full inspection of both St Peters Mundham and SS Margaret's and Remeguis Seething had been carried out by Ecclesiastical Insurance and the

Quinquennial Inspection had also been carried out at both churches. An Asbestos Management Survey had taken place and the Organ and Fire Extinguishers had been serviced. Seat cushions had been purchased for Mundham Church from the designated funds. At Seething Church the areas in the chancel to the north side of the screen had been treated successfully to remove the green algae and the lead areas on the roof, gutters and downpipes had been marked with Smartwater. Slates on the porch had been adjusted and drains cleared.

8. **Deanery Synod Report:** There had been 3 Deanery Synod Meetings during 2016, the first was held at St Marys, Long Stratton and was attended by Bishop Alan Winton, Bishop of Thetford and the second in May was a Deanery Choral Evensong at St Peters Brooke and was preceded by a country walk and afternoon tea. The third was held at Norwich Cathedral. On arrival a supper was provided in the refectory and after this the dean took those present on a tour of the Cathedral and the evening finished with a service of Compline taken by the dean.
9. **Reports from Church Organisations:** The Friends of Seething Church had made a donation of £500.00 towards of the cost of the insurance for Seething Church. There had been 3 events in the church organised by the Friends. The first was a concert by the Upper Octave, the second a Jazz concert and the third was the Annual Autumn/Christmas Fair, the Christmas Fair was well attended but the other 2 events had small audiences but approximately £1800.00 raised at the 3 events.  
The Community Lunches are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month with the exception of August and September and these are still very well attended. The charge remains the same at £3.00 per person and the Christmas Lunch is £4.00 per person. There is normally a team of 5 volunteers.
10. **Election of PCC representatives:** Lynn thanked all the Churchwardens and PCC representatives for their help during the year. Special thanks were given to Lynda Skepplehorn for the work she has done with the Deanery Synod.  
The Parochial Church Council for 2017 was elected. There were no new nominations for the PCC so Ann Garnham proposed and Gillian Balls seconded that all should continue as before and all were in favour of this. Therefore the 2017 Parochial Church Council was elected and these were as follows: Churchwarden Seething – Ann Garnham, Churchwardens Mundham – Gillian Balls and Margaret Key. The members of the church were as follows: Margaret Eastham, Jilly Le Coq, Judy Baldwin and Ann Rudd.
11. **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives:** It was agreed that Margaret Eastham continue as Deanery Synod Representative for Mundham with Seething.
12. Brooke Only
13. **Vicars report:** The Vicar gave her report on the year 2016 and covered the following areas:  
Being Church: Services provided through the Christian Year, especially all festivals. The Occasional Offices and opportunities for mission linked to these. New things that

had been tried during the year: Service for the Queen's birthday, Songs of Praise at the Meres, Benefice outing. Study groups that had taken place during the year and the development of worship at Easter.

Fundraising: The increased amount of Parish Share paid was noted. Through the year at various events, approximately £4500.00 had been raised. Money had also been raised and given to support charities.

Committed to Growth: The development of the Benefice Growth Plan, which was presented on Advent Sunday. Each aim was presented and updates given on progress so far.

Looking to the future: It is very difficult to see what the future will hold as we grapple with current challenges, financial, buildings and small congregations. Priority needs to be faithful prayer and worship. We need to look for signs of God at work, especially in small things and give thanks for these. Need to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit we can do more than we think we can.

14. **Any other Business:** There was no other business to discuss.

15. **Next Meeting:** The next APCM will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.